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- Compatibility designation for definition of "byproduct material"
 - States have regulated NARM for over 40 years
 - Management Directive 5.9 specifically addresses the use of the term "radioactive material" in lieu of "byproduct material"





- 33 of 34 Agreement States support a Compatibility Category "D" designation
- 26 of 34 Agreement States are concerned they may have to seek legislative changes to amend the definition of "byproduct material"
- 34 of 34 Agreement States already regulate NARM in a manner consistent and compatible with other byproduct material





- Congress directed:
 - "The Commission...to the maximum extent practicable—
 (i) cooperate with the States; and (ii) use model State standards in existence on the date of enactment of this Act





 To this end, the Compatibility Category for this and other definitions arising from the EPAct should be a "D".





 As an alternative, the Statements of Consideration should acknowledge that certification by the Governor that the State has an adequate NARM program which should preclude definitional changes





Sections 656 and 652

- Support NRC staff recommendation
 - Section 656 Implement via Order to high-risk and high-priority licensees to meet deadline
 - Section 652 and 656 Proceed in parallel to address imports, exports and domestic transfers/access comprehensively